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KONTAKT Club donates toys to local children



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Bamberg KONTAKT Club members Barbara Kirchhof and Capt. Angela Hise hand out toys to children at Bertold-Scharfenberg-Schule Dec. 8. The school children entertained their benefactors with Christmas carols in German and English and treated them to kinderpunch and cookies before the day was over. The KONTAKT Club is an outreach group that introduces American Soldiers to local traditions.

By Trecia A. Wilson
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

Their eyes twinkled with glee as they saw the boxes of stuffed animals wheeled into the room. The Kindergarten students of the Bertold-Scharfenberg-Schule seemed ready

to burst with excitement yet they managed to stay seated waiting breathlessly for their teachers and Principal Peter Wambach to tell them what was about to happen.

The children knew they were having German and American visitors that day, but

didn't know their visitors, Capt. Angela Hise, Sgt. Kirk Spitzer, Frau Erika Breitenstein and Herr Klaus and Frau Barbara Kirchhof, all members of the Bamberg Outreach KONTAKT Club, were also bringing them gifts.

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Where to find inclement weather information

There are four ways to get weather information pertaining to Bamberg personnel when you need it.

The first is checking the U.S. Army Europe Weather/Roads/Schools page. This can be accessed at www.bamberg.army.mil. The hyper-link is located below the banner. This will provide the latest updates on weather, school closures, and

road conditions in the area. The USAREUR link can give insightful information to the Bamberg community before they commute to post.

Also located on the Bamberg Web site is a phone number for 24-hour weather information. The numbers, DSN 469-8373 or CIV 0951-300 8373, are located on the left-hand side of the home page.

Armed Forces Network Europe provides updates on weather and how it will affect commuters associated with the military. This information can be listened to on 1143 a.m. radio.

The U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg command information channel will scroll inclement weather alerts when the weather affects services and daily operations.



"Once on this Island" auditions will be Jan. 13 and 14 at the Stable Theater

Bamberg offers military mobile Web site

By Douglas DeMaio,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG — In an effort to keep the Bamberg community more informed with local stories and events, United States Army Garrison Bamberg has developed a Web site for mobile users.

Found at www.bamberg.army.mil/mobi, the Web site is the first among military mobile Web sites.

"This is just another information service we are providing to our community," said Lt. Col. Gary Rosenberg, USAG Bamberg commander. "With the advancement of smartphones like the iPhone or Blackberry, offering a mobile Web service seems like a logical next step. We're being proactive in developing this service and see the rest of the military following our example.

"Not every Soldier has daily computer access to download the information we put out to our community," Rosenberg said. "However, Soldiers do have phones they



Graphic by Douglas DeMaio

use to access the internet and we believe using these phones to access the internet will become more common."

The site will offer pages for community events, classifieds, service hours, stories and a phone directory.

"We are giving our community members useful and user-friendly information," Rosenberg said. "Our information is at their fingertips at anytime from anywhere."

If someone was in downtown Bamberg and wanted to know what's going on in the community, all they would need to do is go to the community mobile page to see what events are available nearby, he said. If a Soldier needs to contact an emergency service, the information is on the mobile phone number page.

"The user benefits to this mobile Web site are endless," Rosenberg said. "I think the community will see the immediate benefits of its uses, especially for things like road conditions, school closings or other late breaking news and information."

Support center offers free dynamic training tools

By Douglas DeMaio,
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On July 1, 1976, this Army organization was established at Fort Eustis, Va., with only 75 people and, by the fall of that year, expanded its workforce to 440 personnel. In its infancy, it managed television and motion picture programs, in-house development and production of training devices for Soldiers. Today, a subdivision of this organization can be found at almost every Army Post in the world.

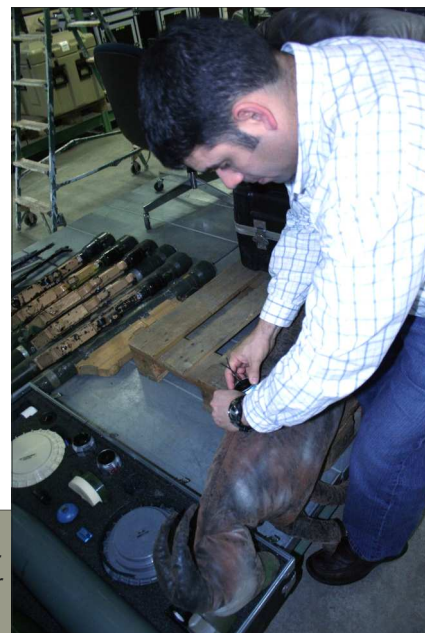
What is the U.S. Army Training Support Center (TSC)?

TSC continues to provide useful resources to Soldiers in the Army and the TSC located on Warner Barracks is no exception.

"We're unique in Europe," said Daniel Cintron, Bamberg's TSC manager. "We cover more over here than a TSC in the states; we run the ranges and manage the land and training areas."

Although TSC's environmental support for forces training in Europe is unique, this multifaceted organization offers many other training tools that may be unbeknownst to Soldiers, he said.

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Douglas DeMaio

Daniel Cintron, Bamberg Training Support Center, shows how training aids can be used to assist Soldiers. TSC offers a variety of equipment and training aids to assist units with training. For more information, call 469-7696.



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Local youth swim their way across Europe

Story by Elizabeth Johnstone
Special to the Warner Weekly

While most kids are snuggled in their warm houses, drinking hot chocolate and finishing their homework, 21 young "Michael Phelps Wannabes", ages 6 through 16, willingly dive into the cold water at Bad Staffelstein. At least twice a week, these youth swim for an hour and a half. They swim between 2000 meters and 3000 meters at what may seem an exhausting pace to observers.

These dedicated young swimmers form the nucleus of the Bamberg Aqua Barons Swim Team, one of the European Forces Swim League (EFSL) teams based throughout Europe. EFSL members are from as far away as Naples, Italy and Rota, Spain, to Lakenheath, England and as close as Hohenfels, Germany. According to the official EFSL website at swimefsl.org, the organization's goal is to provide "a program of competitive swimming on the local level and a healthy environment in which our children can grow emotionally and physically."

But most of them say they swim because it's fun. One of the two Aqua Barons team captains, Caitlin Leeds, is a 10th grader at Bamberg High School and has been competing since she was 9 years old. This is her fourth year as an Aqua Baron. After swimming competitively for seven years, Caitlin says she's "met many nice people and enjoyed traveling to other cities and countries to compete." She likes swimming because "it's a fun team sport and a great way to stay in shape."

Her co-captain, Joshua Johnstone, a freshman at Bamberg High School, said he competes with the Aqua Barons because he's always loved swimming.

"I've been swimming since I was a toddler, so I thought I'd try it when we moved to Belgium and I liked it. I've stuck with it all these years," Johnstone said.

That perseverance has paid off for Joshua this year with four championship qualification times in 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter freestyle, 400 Individual Medley, and 800-meter freestyle.

These older swimmers' sentiments are echoed by even the youngest swimmer on the team, Abby Williamson. Her favorite part about being on the team is her "teammates". At age 6, Abby started the year with a good attitude and although she gets nervous before a meet, she says, "I talk to my coaches and they make me feel better. I like to see if I can get better each time."

It's no coincidence that coaches Chuck and Kat Whitbeck's goal is to teach "teamwork and belief in self".

Chuck, a member of the Special Troops Battalion, 173rd ABCT, is a long time competitive swimmer who placed in the 1990 New York State Finals Championship while a sophomore in high school. He returned from a 15-month tour in Afghanistan last July and jumped right in to help his wife when the season started just a few weeks after his redeployment.

Kat is a veteran of EFSL, having swum with the SHAPE Seals Swim Team in Belgium from 1991 to 1995. She was a pool record holder in the 100-Breaststroke from 1994 to 2003 and relishes seeing the accomplishments of the young swimmers in her care.

"I love swimming and it's neat to go full circle by coaching in a league that I used to swim in," she said.

The kids are what makes the team special to her and she tries to commit herself to seeing every child succeed individually and as a team member. This is evident in the team's record of 8 out of 21 swimmers qualified to swim in 21 events for the EFSL Championship scheduled for February 7-8 in Berlin.



Photo courtesy karmabug photography

The Bamberg Aqua Barons Swim team are front row (l to r): Tyler Coate, Christina Carpenter, Logan Ferch, Heather Whitbeck, Hannah Williamson, Abby Williamson; 2nd Row: Jonathan Miller, Jillian Wright, Colin Whitbeck, Gunnar Gransbery, Rachel Johnstone; 3rd Row: Taryn Plamann, Lucy Hodges, Violet Knoll, Teresa Luciani, Raymond Chang, Caitlin Leeds, Cheyenne Coate; back row: Head Coach Kat Whitbeck, Jesse Hodges, Joshua Johnstone, William Luciani and Coach Chuck Whitbeck.

Not only the swimmers work hard. The team requires heavy parental involvement. One of those committed parents is Teresa Carpenter, the Schweinfurt Elementary and Middle School psychologist, who takes turns with another Schweinfurt family at driving their children to practice twice a week. It's an hour and a half round trip that she willingly makes. Her daughter, Christina, is qualified in an unprecedented five events (50 Backstroke, 50 Flystroke, 50 Free, 100 Freestyle, and 200 Freestyle) for the EFSL Championship. A swimmer is allowed to swim only three individual events and participate in two relays at the EFSL Championship Meet, so Christina and her coach have the luxury of picking her top events for a possible medal.

Teresa Carpenter believes that the team provides an environment for good competition, while teaching "good sportsmanship". Even though her daughter started just last year at age 7, Teresa says that "Christina is very competitive" and has done well. "They (the swimmers) can see progress with practice," notes Teresa. "They're seeing their teammates as well as themselves making progress."

Although swimming is an individual sport, as we saw in the 2008 Summer Olympics 400-meter free relay, Michael Phelps would not have made the historical eight gold medals count without his teammate Jason Lezak's greatest come back on the 100-meter swim, which beat the French swimmer Alain Bernard by 0.08 seconds.

It's not just Teresa Carpenter who makes long car trips. In November, a few swimmers and coaches Kat and Chuck Whitbeck, made the seven-hour drive to Aviano, Italy.

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from all the meets which are held all over Europe, not to mention the smooth running of the team which requires many volunteers.

Perhaps all that work will pay off someday. The Aqua Barons are hoping for a good showing as a team during the January 18 Tyrolean Divisional Meet against the Wiesbaden Wahoos, Eifel Sharks and the Hohenfels Hurricanes. But no matter what, these swimmers are already winners because they've learned what it takes to work hard for their personal best and even better, to work as a team. It's a lesson that will translate to life outside the water and take all of them far beyond the EFSL.

For more information about the Aqua Barons or to join, email Melissa Plamann at bambergaquabarons@yahoo.com.

Closures / Changes

Health Clinic Closure

The Bamberg Health Clinic will be closed from 1 - 4:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call the MPs at CIV:0951-300-114.

Bamberg Elementary School closure

There will be no school at Bamberg Elementary School on Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Veterinary Facility hours change

The Bamberg Veterinary Facility's new business hours beginning Jan. 1 are; Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed Thursday and Friday. No walk-in appointments are available. The clinic is closed on the last weekday of each month for inventory. The clinic is also closed on all American and training holidays. Over the counter products and prescriptions may be purchased during regular business hours. Due to the high demand for appointments, please notify the clinic of cancellations 24 hours in advance. In case of an emergency, please contact an off-post veterinarian. A list of off-post veterinarians is available at the clinic. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call 0951-300-7972.

ACAP office relocation

The Army Career and Alumni Program Office has moved from Preston Hall to the Military Personnel building (Bldg 7290), Room 204. If you have less than a year left until your ETS (2 years if retiring), please call 469-8925 to make an appointment for a mandatory ACAP Preseparation Briefing. While this is your first step in the transition process, it does not in anyway hamper your ability to reenlist should you decide to do so. Do yourself a favor and find out today what ACAP has to offer.

Tax Assistance Center closed

The Bamberg Tax Assistance Center hours of operation are Mon. through Fri., 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m. It is located on the 4th floor of Bldg. 7000 (The Law Center Building). To make an appointment, call DSN:469-8261 or CIV:0951-300-8261.

Fitness Classes resume

Tae Kwon Do classes will resume on Jan. 12. For more information, call the Freedom Fitness Facility at 469-9597.

Community Announcements

Elementary School book fair

The Bamberg Elementary School Parent Teacher Association book fair will be Jan. 13 - 15. If you are available to assist during the book fair, please email Tammy Sandifer at tammyj5@tks-net.com. The PTA will also host their membership drive at this event. Please support your local PTA by becoming a member. All monies earned throughout the year are spent on providing items that would otherwise not be available for the students.

PWOC Spring Kick-off

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will have their Spring Kick-off on Jan. 14 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Come join us for praise, worship, fellowship,

food and fun. Sign up for your Bible study class. Free childcare will be available in the chapel. Please come and bring a friend.

Bingo Night

Bamberg Aqua Barons Swim Team will have a Bingo Night with a "Longaberger Baskets and More" theme at Bamberg High School on Jan. 14. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and games will start at 6:30 p.m. Cards will cost 3 for \$8 or 6 for \$15.

BSCC January Luncheon

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians Club monthly luncheon will be on Jan. 26 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be lasagna and salad for \$15. Bring old magazines you want to exchange during the magazine swap. If you would like to join, membership applications will be available at the luncheon. If you plan to come, please RSVP to reservations@bsccgermany.com by Jan. 19. Childcare reservations can be made directly to the Child Development Center from Jan.12-16 if childcare is required.

Marriage Retreat

There will be a marriage retreat to Willingen, Germany Jan. 9-11. Couples can enjoy cross-country skiing, snowboarding, ice skating and sleigh rides. For more information, call the Family Life Center at 469-8142.

Weekly Reminders

ACAP Job Assistance

Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is offering a 2.5-day Department of Labor job assistance workshop for separating and retiring Soldiers Jan. 13 through 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (final day ends at 12:30). All participants must complete preseparation counseling prior to enrolling in this course. For more information, call your Bamberg ACAP Office at DSN: 469-8925.

ACAP Brief

Every Soldier must complete the Army Career and Alumni Program briefing before separation. The briefing only takes an hour and can help those who might be undecided about their future to reach a decision. The briefing is informational and does not obligate the recipient to either stay in the Army or become a civilian. Soldiers can begin the ACAP process one year prior to ETS (potential retirees can start two years prior). Call 469-8925 to schedule an appointment or use ACAP Express at <https://www.acapexpress.army.mil>.

Resume Workshop

Army Career and Alumni Program will have an advanced resume writing lab on Jan. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. You should have completed the Transition Assistance Program Workshop prior to the lab. For more information or to register, call ACAP at 469-8925 or register at <https://www.acapexpress.army.mil>.

Entertainment and Leisure

Hold'Em or Fold'Em Texas Tournament

Hold'Em or Fold'Em: Win a \$500.00 gift card and a seat in the online finals and play poker at the Texas Hold'em No Limit Tournament at Moonlight Cabin, Feb. 21, 3 p.m. Win other great prizes like an Apple iPod at the local Bamberg tourney.

Players must be 18 years of age to participate. Tournament is open to all authorized MWR patrons (military active duty personnel, government ID cards and their immediate family members and guests of the aforementioned. First place winner will have a chance to win the jackpot at the online tournament with great prizes: 1st Place - 42" Home Theater System (42" Flat Panel TV and a Bose Home Theater Sound System) and a custom made Tournament Bracelet, 2nd Place - MacBook Air, 3rd Place - \$750 Gas card, 4th Place - BOSE Wave, 5th Place - \$500 Gas card, 6th Place - \$250 Gas card, 7th & 8th Place - iPod. Contact Moonlight Cabin, Bldg. 7682, CIV:(0951) 300 8423.

Health and Fitness

Lose the old Year!

Enjoy some "friendly competition" while you lose weight. A Body Fit For You is sponsoring a weight loss competition beginning Feb. 2. For more information email Ayla at abodyfit-foryou@hotmail.com.

Continuing Education

University of Phoenix lunch seminars

Join the University of Phoenix's Lunch & Learn seminar! Free food, drinks and information about their graduate programs and face-to-face classes will be provided. RSVP is required as space is limited. For more information or to reserve your seat, call Leah Gransbery at DSN:469-9280, CIV:0951-208-5350 or email Leah.Gransbery@phoenix.edu.

Unit Prevention Leader Training

The Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) is offering Unit Prevention Leader (UPL) Certification Training Feb. 2 - 6. UPLs are an integral part of a unit substance abuse program with duties that include managing and administering the unit's drug testing program, providing substance abuse prevention education to all unit Soldiers, and acting as a liaison between the unit and the ASAP. Each unit should have at least two currently certified UPLs; certifications are good for one year. Candidates for UPL Training must be E-5 or above, not currently enrolled in the ASAP, and not under investigation for any substance abuse related issue. For more information or registration please call the ASAP/IBTC at 469-588/1710. Registration deadline for this course is Jan 28.

University of Phoenix open

The University of Phoenix is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located at the Warner Barracks Army Education Center, Bldg 7047, Room 309. Leah Gransbery, University of Phoenix field representative, can help you start your MBA or MAED program. Online and on-site courses are available and degrees can be achieved in 15-24 months. For more information, call Leah Gransbery at DSN:469-9280, CIV:0951-3009280/2085350 or email leah.gransbery@us.army.mil.

University of Oklahoma classes

Apply, enroll and start University of Oklahoma classes anytime. On-site and online classes are available, no GRE is required, and non-thesis programs are available. Advanced class

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preparation and a one-week class session are required. OU faculty flies to local Education Centers to provide high-level instruction. Your degree will be recognized both nationally and internationally. Complete your degree in 16 to 24 months. For more information, call Yadira Sanchez at DSN:467-3325 or CIV:09802-83-3325, or email apansbach@ou.edu. To find more information, visit www.GoOu.OU.edu.

Trips and Travel Opportunities

Take a trip with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation in January

Jan. 10 and 11 Snowboard/Ski \$149

Snowboard and ski in Gastein, Austria for 2 days and see some World Cup Snowboard-X action (finals on Saturday night). Includes transportation and 1 night lodging with breakfast and dinner. Does not include lift pass. Snowboard lessons available, \$25 for 1.5 hours. Departs 2 a.m. Jan. 10, returns at approximately 10 p.m. Jan. 11.

Jan. 16-19 Soelden Snow \$275

We're headed to Soelden, Austria for some awesome peak season skiing and riding. Trip includes transportation and 3 nights lodging with breakfast and dinner. Does not include lift pass. (€37 day). Get reduced rentals and tuning at the ODR ski shop before you go. Snowboard lessons available, \$25 for 1.5 hours. Departs 10 a.m. Jan. 16, returns at approximately 10 p.m., Jan. 19.

Jan. 28 Bad Staffelstein \$35

Need to get away for a day? Join us for a quick and relaxing day at Obermain Therme thermal pools in Bad Staffelstein and be back in time to pick the kids up from school. Includes transportation and use of the thermal pools and saunas. Bring a bathing suit, cover up, towel and shower shoes. Departs CAC at 8:30 a.m., returns at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Jan. 31 Learn to Ride \$75

Learn to ride a snowboard on Jan. 3. Always wanted to try snowboarding? Here's your chance. Spend a day on a local slope with Outdoor Recreation's own instructor, Jordan. Includes transportation, lift pass, rental and a 2.5 hours of lesson. Departs CAC at 8 a.m., returns at approximately 5 p.m.

Equipment Rentals

Did you know Bamberg Outdoor Recreation has a full service ski and snowboard rental and repair shop for children and adults?

- Full Ski or Snowboard Package
 - \$19/day
 - \$35/weekend
 - \$75/week
- Pair of Skis or Snowboard with Bindings
 - \$15/day
 - \$25/weekend
 - \$50/week
- Ski or Snowboard Boots
 - \$8/day
 - \$15/weekend
 - \$30/week
- Ski Poles or Snowboard Bindings
 - \$5/day
 - \$10/weekend
 - \$20/week

- Pants/Jacket \$5
- Helmets are Free

Equipment Maintenance or repairs:

Snowboard Binding Mounting	\$ 5
Binding Testing/Adjustment	\$ 5
Base Repair	\$10
Edge Sharpening	\$12
Hot Wax	\$12
Full Tune w/ Base Structure	\$20
Deluxe Hand Tune	\$25

Extensive repairs priced specially.

Going on an Outdoor Recreation trip? Get a full rental package for \$20 or get 50 percent off maintenance.

You must register for these trips by the Monday before the scheduled leave date or they may be cancelled. To sign up or for more information, please come to Outdoor Recreation, bldg. 7047 or call DSN:469-8659/7450 or CIV: 0951-300-8659. All trips depart and arrive at Community Activity Center (CAC) unless otherwise noted. No refund will be given for no-shows. Military duty restraint or illness will be refunded.

THE STABLE THEATER PRESENTS

ONCE ON THIS ISLAND

AUDITIONS!

January 13 & 14

6:30 pm

Stable Theater

Please bring a song to sing, energy and a smile! Flexible casting — all ethnicities encouraged. Casting adult men and woman and a limited number of children. Show runs late March/early April. Also recruiting design, tech, music, dance direction and box office volunteers.

For more info call CIV:0951-300-8647

University of Maryland announces early spring registration and \$100 book award

University of Maryland University College Europe (UMUC Europe) announces its early registration for Spring Session 1 from now until Jan. 16.

On-site courses begin Jan. 18, and include weekend and weekday classes, as well as the newly added 50/50 hybrid courses — a format combining 50 percent on-site with 50 percent online instruction. Also this spring several courses are offered for the first time in the online format to include: Environmental Science Laboratory, Introduction to Homeland Security, Film and American Culture Studies, Writing for Managers, and more. Students can register directly with their local field representative at more than 70 sites throughout Europe and the Middle East, including four sites in Iraq or online using the MyUMUC portal.

UMUC Europe still has \$100 Orkand Family Military Book Awards available for active-duty service members. To apply, service members need only to submit their name, contact, and current student information online at: <https://www.umuc.edu/orkand/bookaward.shtml>. No other application

form is required.

Students can learn more about admissions, registration, scholarships, and schedules for certificates, associate's, bachelor's and master's level courses by contacting their local UMUC field representative or visiting www.ed.umuc.edu.

As the leading educational partner with the U.S. military for more than 60 years, UMUC provides educational opportunities to service members in over 20 countries worldwide and enrolls 90,000 students annually. It is the second largest public university in the United States. In Europe and the Middle East, UMUC and its partner institution, Bowie State University, offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs at 70 sites, including locations in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar. By providing traditional academic values in innovative formats, UMUC Europe is an established and integral part of overseas military life.

Kontakt

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All students attending this school are challenged, either mentally or physically. As a result it makes it impossible for them to go to regular schools. The students attend the school as they would any school, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Classroom numbers are small with a ratio of 12 to two, 12 students per teacher and teacher's assistant. This gives these children the much needed attention they deserve.

The children entertained their guests with Christmas carols and impressed them with their efforts to speak English. After the singing and toy distribution, everyone enjoyed cookies and kinderpunch, a warm fruit punch German children drink during the Christmas holidays.

The Outreach KONTAKT Club is an organization whose primary purpose is to foster positive relations between Germans and Americans. It was originally a program developed by the United States Army, Europe and the Federal Ministry of Youth, Family, Women and Health. The goal of the program is to give U.S. personnel, Soldiers and civilians an opportunity to exercise their interests together with Germans and citizens of other countries. It serves as a bridge to overcome the differences of new cultures.

Outreach KONTAKT is many things to many people. The people in the club are of all ages and live, work or study in Germany. A KONTAKTER, is someone who is interested in other people, where they come from, how they think and their language. They are interested in looking for the common denominator among all people – to make friends and to keep peace.

They reach out to nearby communities to share cultures, help people in need and learn how different cultures exist. They often share holidays and birthdays and make friendships that continue to flourish after the members move to new locations.

Bamberger KONTAKT has increased their involvement with Soldiers and Families by participating in numerous events with the USAG Bamberg Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD) and the Family Readiness Groups (FRG). They have sponsored the annual FRG Halloween party for the past two years and supported a military partnership event between HHD and a German Logistics Battalion by providing refreshments after military training last spring.

The group participates annually in the Community Expo, providing information to the garrison community about the Outreach KONTAKT club and they set up a booth at the annual garrison Fourth of July Festival.

The KONTAKTERS have a German-American bowling team which meets a couple times each month at the post bowling alley. They support activities such as the Bamberg Spouses and Civilians Club annual Basket Auction.

The KONTAKTERS initiated the first annual German-American Soccer match between the university team and the US Army Garrison team on July 4, 2007, which they coordinated and sponsored as well. Thanks to the Warner Barracks soccer team, the tradition was carried on in 2008.

In 2007, the Bamberg KONTAKTERS conducted a Christmas toy drive for underprivileged children of young single mothers on the Germany economy.

The toy drive for the school this Christmas was a huge success according to KONTAKT member Capt. Angela Hise.

"The visit was so great," said Hise, "we (the KONTAKTERS) have been invited back and are already planning on making this school a continued partnership/project."

The club participated in the annual U.S. Army Europe KONTAKT conference by sending both U.S. military and German representatives and receiving several individual member awards. They also participated in KONTAKT events by sending teams to the annual bowling competition and the delegates assembly for the BIK (National/USAREUR-level KONTAKT board).

The club promotes a coming together of cultures for fun and for understanding. For more information, call Klaus or Barbara Kirchhof at 0171-341-514 or email b.k.kirchhof@web.de.

			
AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tue. and Wed.			
Thu	Jan. 8	The Secret Life Of Bees (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	Jan. 9	Bedtime Stories (Pg)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Sat	Jan. 10	High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G)	4 p.m.
		Seven Pounds (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Sun	Jan. 11	The Secret Life Of Bees (Pg-13)	4 p.m.
		Seven Pounds (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Mon	Jan. 12	Bedtime Stories (Pg)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Thu	Jan. 15	Role Models (R)	7 p.m.
Fri	Jan. 16	Saw V (R)	7 p.m.
Sat	Jan. 17	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (Pg)	4 p.m.
		Saw V (R)	7 p.m.
Sun	Jan. 18	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (Pg)	4 p.m.
		The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Mon	Jan. 19	The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Thu	Jan. 22	Sex Drive (R)	7 p.m.
Fri	Jan. 23	Soul Men (R)	7 p.m.
Sat	Jan. 24	Bolt (Pg)	4 p.m.
		Gran Torino (R)	7 p.m.
Sun	Jan. 25	Bolt (Pg)	4 p.m.
		Notorious (R)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Mon	Jan. 26	Notorious (R)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Thu	Jan. 29	Twilight (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	Jan. 30	Bride Wars (Pg)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Sat	Jan. 31	Twilight (Pg-13)	4 p.m.
		Bride Wars (Pg)(1strun)	7 p.m.

Outside the Gate

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg Jan. 9-19, 2009

Friday, Jan. 9

- 8 p.m. "Boppin B." live Rock 'n Roll at Live-Club, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Dan T. Coates Trio" live west coast sound at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Golden Gospel Singers" at JAKO-Arena, Forchheimer Str. 15 (main entrance), Bamberg (tickets available at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)
- 9 p.m. "Tex Döring Trio feat. Torsten Goods" live Jazz music at Jazzclub Bamberg, Obere Sandstr. 18, Bamberg

Saturday, Jan. 10

- 7 p.m. "Murder mystery – the academy" an interactive murder mystery/dinner (in German) at Welcome Hotel Residenzschloss Bamberg, Untere Sandstraße 32, Bamberg – tickets at www.murder-mystery.de
- 7:30 p.m. Bamberg's Basketball team "Brose Baskets" will play the "Köln 99ers" at Jako-Arena, Forchheimer Str. 15, Bamberg (tickets available at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)
- 8 p.m. "Florian Baessler" live music at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Hot Brakers" Rock 'n Roll and Rockabilly at Sound'n Arts Club, Sandstraße 20, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "Beauty and the Beat" live Blues, Pop und Soul at Club Kaulberg, Unterer Kaulberg 36, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "Tango ball" show dancing and band Quienteto Angel at Haas-Säle, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg

Sunday, Jan. 11

- 12 p.m. "Bridal show and fashion" at Aventi Automobile, Rodezstr. 2, Bamberg
- 5 p.m. "Charitz concert with Keep Swinging Big Band" live Big Band Sound at Haas-Säle, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg
- 6:30 p.m. "Tex Döring on the piano" Sunday Night Candle Light Session at

- Cafe Esspress, Austraße 33, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Wofgang Barthel" live music at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg

Monday, Jan. 12

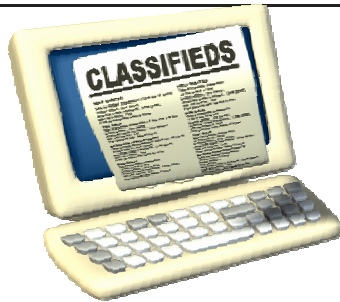
- 7 p.m. Piano-Live at Hofbräu Restaurant & Bar, Karolinenstr. 7, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Moulin Rouge" the musical of the famous love story in historical Paris at Konzert- und Kongresshalle, Mußstr. 1, Bamberg (tickets available at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)
- 9 p.m. "SCHWOF" the cult disco party, all drinks are half price at Live-Club, Obere Sandstr. 7, Bamberg

Friday, Jan. 16

- 7:30 p.m. Bamberg's Basketball team "Brose Baskets" will play the "NY Phantoms Braunschweig" at Jako-Arena, Forchheimer Str. 15, Bamberg (tickets available at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)
- 8 p.m. "Alternative Rock Night 2009" the three best newcomer bands of Germany at Live-Club, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Ralf Brauner" live music at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "Inner Shape" live Jazz music at Jazzclub Bamberg, Obere Sandstr. 18, Bamberg

Saturday, Jan. 17

- 7 p.m. "Prinz Rosenrot und Prinzessin Lilienweiss" (in German) romantic fairy tale at Marionette-Theater, Untere Sandstraße 30, Bamberg – tickets at www.bvd-ticket.de
- 8 p.m. "Fat Bop" Rock 'n Roll Band from Bamberg covering songs from Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley and the Blues Brothers at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Rainhard Fendrich" German singer/song writer in concert at party at Jako-Arena, Forchheimer Str. 15, Bamberg (tickets available at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)
- 9 p.m. "Carwash" live band featuring music of the 70's and 80s at Club Kaulberg, Unterer Kaulberg 36, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "DJ party" rock pop party Live-Club, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg



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1989 BMW 316i 4-door - Manual transmission; 135k miles, runs great; guaranteed to pass inspection. Asking \$1,200; must sell due to PCS contact CPT Krieger, 01603839792 or Harstan.d.krieger@us.army.mil.

1999 Yamaha V-Star Classic Cruiser for sale. Black, new tires, new saddle bags & inspection. Has 13,800 miles, asking \$4500. Can email pictures. Please contact camelot101501@yahoo.com.

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Position Vacancy at the Bamberg Thrift Shop. Applications are now being accepted for paid full- and part-time positions at the Bamberg Thrift Shop. Interested persons should come to the shop and apply. For more information, Call Angela at 0951-32408.

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Air Conditioner 220v for sale. Bought May 2008 for \$349. Used twice, works well. Selling due to PCS \$125. Call (0951)222-0795 or e-mail cherie73@yahoo.com in Bamberg. (1/1/2009)

MISCELLANEOUS

Centro Cristiano Bamberg, Casa de Dios y Puerta del Cielo, Pastors JC and Mariet Perez, 29 Jäck Strasse, 96052 Bamberg.

Circle of Prayer on Tue. at 6 p.m., Friday Service at 7 p.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday Service at 11:30 a.m.. For more information visit our web site www.centro-cristiano-bamberg.com or call CIV:0160-438-5011 or CIV:0151-524-16221.(1/1/2009)

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TSC*(Continued from page 2)*

Soldiers mostly know TSC for taking Department of the Army photographs and providing multimedia solutions for visual information needs, but Cintron said that notion is largely misconceived.

"We're much more than this," he said.

TSC has audio and video equipment, training films, videos and compact discs, graphic training aids and equipment, cultural awareness guides and CDs, and manuals and DVDs on tactics, techniques and procedures, Cintron said. TSC also has a Deployable Instrumentation Systems – Europe, which is a personnel and weapons engagement system that performs real-time assessments for commanders to track events on the battlefield.

"We capture it all," Cintron said. "They can come and check out our assortment for all their training needs; we've made reference catalogs to make it easy for the Soldiers to find what they need."

Cintron also said TSC offers simulation devices and training equipment that give Soldiers a better understanding of what they may experience on the battlefield.

"Our motto is: training begins here," he said. "We don't want a Soldier's first experience with equipment to be on the battlefield; we want them to experience some training in using that equipment here."

One device Cintron has is a phrase translator.

"It can translate any phrase for any language," he said.

The translator displays a list of phrase categories like security, food or medical.

"If you want to tell someone in Arabic to follow the guard, you press on the screen and the device will say the phrase in Arabic and display the Arabic text like this, "تتبع الحرس", Cintron said. "We have a lot of gear necessary for Soldiers to become better trained and knowledgeable of the equipment they will use."

Some units get their training videotaped for after action reviews, Cintron said. They put in the requests and "if the Soldiers need it, we get it" for them.

"We offer a valuable service to our Soldiers and it's free to the unit," Cintron said. "Everything here is free. The only condition is it must be training related."

Recently, TSC acquired a Call for Fire Trainer, he said. The CFFT along with the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 are two training simulators TSC Bamberg operates that enhance Soldiers battlefield skills, reactions and adaptation to certain situations.

"All this training and support is for the Soldier," Cintron said. "They're our number one priority."

A list of products and services available can be accessed online at <http://www.atsc.army.mil/>.

For more information, call 469-7696.

Bamberg Health Clinic adds online appointing

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